

RED CROSS IN SIBERIA SPEEDS RELIEF WORK

Commission Just Arrived From
America To Make Tour
Of Inspection

By Riley H. Allen
(Written for THE CHINA PRESS)
Vladivostok, Siberia, February 9.—
The American Red Cross in Siberia
has "achieved magnificent results,"
in the words of Major George W.
Simmons of St. Louis, who has come
to Siberia representing the War
Council of the Red Cross, on a tour of
inspection that will cover three
months.

Major Simmons is head of a Red
Cross commission, consisting of, in
addition to himself, Major Kendall
Emerson, U.S.A., medical corps; Cap-
tain Charles McDonald, and Captain
Roy McFarlan. Major Emerson is
medical adviser of the commission,
Captain McDonald comptroller and
Captain McFarlan secretary.

This commission was sent by the
War Council to confer with its
Siberian Commission and assist in the
solution of the various problems in
the Siberian field. It sailed from San
Francisco on the transport Sherman,
the Trans-Pacific voyage consuming a
month. The commission expects to
make a thorough survey of the
Siberian field, traveling into the far
west, where the Red Cross is engaged
in a vast work of distributing medical
and economic relief.

Major Simmons and Major Emerson
have served in France, Belgium, Italy
and England, and are familiar with
the work done by the American Red
Cross commissions in the various
European countries as well as in
America.

The Siberian Commission is now
able to despatch its relief trains with
greater frequency than during the
early winter, when the Trans-Siberian
railroad was unable to handle more
than a small percent of the available
freight. Three trains have been sent
west since the first of January and
the fourth will leave within three days.
It is hoped to send out a train a week
for the next few months. Each carries
relief supplies worth hundreds of
thousands of dollars.

American Army Aviator Joins Philippine Bank Here

Mr. Herman Spitzel, Formerly With China Realty
Company, Is First U.S. Army Flyer To Return

The first American army aviator to
reach Shanghai is Mr. Herman
Spitzel, who was formerly here with
the China Realty Company and re-
turns to join the staff of the local
branch of the Philippine National
Bank, soon to open offices in the
McBain Building, 1 The Bund.

Mr. Spitzel is a second lieutenant
in the Aviation Corps of the United
States army, winning a gold bar
and wings after successfully passing
the tests at the University of Cali-
fornia ground school and qualifying
as an aviator at Mather Field,
Sacramento, California. He was
later appointed one of the 25 flying
instructors at Mather Field, a com-
mission he held up to the time of
the signing of the armistice. Three
times Mr. Spitzel received orders to
go overseas, but each time they were
rescinded and he was retained at
Sacramento to instruct young avia-
tors.

The day following the declaration
of war by the United States on the
Imperial Government of Germany
Mr. Spitzel attempted the strenuous
physical examination required of
candidates for admission to the
American army Aero Corps. He
passed the physical tests at San
Diego and was sent to the ground
school maintained by the Govern-
ment at the University of California,
Berkeley.

Here he learned "trouble shoot-
ing" and was obliged to master an
intensive course covering mechanical
problems to be met by future avia-
tors. The student must be thorough-
ly acquainted with all mechanical
details of the machine and the
motor before being assigned to a
flying school.

At Mather Field, Mr. Spitzel was
taught how to fly. The course is an
extended one, covering every phase
of flying and the graduates are
chosen for instructors, pursuit
pilots, bombers or observers, accord-
ing to their relative qualifications.

"There are many thrills accorded
the beginner," said Mr. Spitzel as he
related the trials of the student
aviator.

"Students are required to perform
ordinary landings after straight fly-
ing, distance flying, cross-country
trips with the compass acting as a



Lieutenant Herman Spitzel

guide, acrobatic flying and finally
combat flying with toy balloons as
targets.

"The young flyer must perform the
tests first with an instructor and
then alone and it is the first 'solo'
flight that brings the thrill," Mr.
Spitzel said.

The intricacies of the tailspin must
be mastered before the flyer is per-
mitted to make a solo flight and the
art of neutralizing the controls so
that the operator may extricate his
machine from the treacherous tail
spine must be a familiar one before a
candidate receives his wings.

Loops, turns, wingovers, reverse-
ments and other "stunts" must be
performed before the flyer is credit-
ed with proficiency in acrobatic fly-
ing, the test that precedes instruc-

tion in combat aviation. Then
comes night flying, aerial photo-
graphy and finally flying in battle
formation, the hardest and most
dangerous course in the flyer's cur-
riculum.

When the entire course is com-
pleted the candidate must pass "the
final review" when he is at the mercy
of the instructors for a week. Every
phase of his education must be
evidenced, from straight flying and
familiarity with the engine and me-
chanical equipment of the machine,
to flying in battle formation. If he
passes all the tests before a board of
experts, he is then known as a Re-
serve Military Aviator, and is as-
signed to duty.

The advent of the wireless tele-
phone came when Mr. Spitzel was
flying at Mather Field.

Mr. Spitzel had but one accident,
this occurring on his first solo flight.
In trying to take the machine off the
ground, he hit a bump at the mo-
ment he pushed the stick forward,
causing the nose of the machine to
incline too much. The propeller
struck the ground. Ordinarily, in
an accident of this kind, when the
propeller is broken, the vibration is
such that the operator immediately
realizes that something is wrong.

When the propeller struck the
ground, however, both tips of the
blade were splintered equally, there-
by giving it balance although the
machine was no longer serviceable.
No vibration was apparent, unusual
in aviation, and Mr. Spitzel con-
tinued his attempt to climb.

Instead of falling directly to the
ground, he fell backwards causing
no other damage than the smash-
ing of the landing gear. Im-
mediately upon hitting the ground,
the field officer assigned Mr. Spitzel
to another machine before he could
determine the cause of the fall.

This is done in all cases in order
that the aviator may retain his
"nerve."

Mr. Spitzel was active in army
athletics, playing on the Mather
Field football team and acting as
boxing instructor.

The training field was thoroughly
equipped to give the students com-
plete courses in aviation. The per-
sonnel numbered over 1,200 men in
which were included field and shop
mechanics, engineering and techni-
cal departments, 25 instructors and
about 250 candidates for commis-
sions in the Aero Corps.

On the day that the armistice was
signed, a fleet of 115 machines flew
in battle formation over the city of
Sacramento.

Honan News Notes

China Press Correspondence

Kaifeng, February 17.—One wonders
why so many trains of soldiers are
passing west on the Lung Hai Rail-
road these days of peace conferences.
Your correspondent within the last
week counted twenty cars packed with
recruits said to come from Pochow.
Three days later about fifteen cars
filled with soldiers from Pengpu went
west through Kaifeng. This train
passed at night showing urgent
reasons for saving time, since this
line usually runs no trains at night.

Within the last two months Honan
has had no less than eight good
snows—an unprecedented number for
this part. There had also been many
good rains during the fall and the
ground as a result of both has the
best season for years so there is little
doubt that a bumper wheat crop will
be gathered this year. This, following
an unusually good crop last year,
should make flour even cheaper than
it is now.

Seven hundred students from all
parts of the province of Honan have
just passed a competitive examina-
tion to enter the Government Pre-
paratory School at Kaifeng, showing
the popularity of this school. Only
seventy are to be selected. It is in-
teresting to see how the authorities
protect themselves against the old
and well known tricks used in the
examination halls of the past regime.
Each student was required to bring
and file his photograph with his name
when he entered the examination. No
chances are taken.

During the holidays three Tsing-
hua professors and one Peking
professor—all foreigners—visited the

points of historic interest in our city
in connection with a trip to the
famous Longmen near Honanfu.
There is a constantly increasing num-
ber of travelers coming to see these
wonders. Some day this part of China
will be put on the map and will draw

tourists in great numbers. A good
foreign hotel or two would help.
Mr. H. W. Smith and wife of the
local Y.M.C.A. have recently called
for America on account of Mrs. Smith's
health. All greatly regret the loss
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COURT CUTS DOWN SUM ASKED BY GERMAN'S WIFE

Application For \$8,000 From
Enemy Dividend Account Modi-
fied In Supreme Court

An application for the release of the sum of \$7,913.35 from the Enemy Dividends account, to the British Consul-General in behalf of Mrs. A. Schmidt, wife of the former Deputy Commissioner of Customs, was denied in the British Supreme Court yesterday by Sir Havilland de Saumarez. Sir Havilland held that in view of the impending repatriation measures the entire amount was too large to release, but agreed that in view of the argument of hardship to the applicant, which was presented by Mr. A. G. Mossop, counsel, the sum of \$1,080 might be released.

Mr. Mossop's application was for an order for the Chartered Bank to pay over the sum mentioned from its Enemy Dividends account. He stated in his affidavit that Mrs. Schmidt, prior to her marriage, was a British subject, being the daughter of the late Mr. William Lister of Newchwang. She was married in 1888 and in 1904, on the death of her brother, W. J. Lister, was bequeathed a life interest in certain properties in Newchwang. Mr. H. R. Evarall, of the Standard Oil Company, being named trustee of the estate. Since 1916, in accordance with the provisions of the King's regulations regarding trading with the enemy, Mr. Evarall had paid the sum of \$7,913.35 into the Enemy Dividend Account at the Chartered Bank in behalf of Mrs. Schmidt, in six semi-annual payments. The affidavit further stated that Mrs. Schmidt is an invalid at the present time, living in Shanghai, and, the British Minister being of opinion that the case was one of immediate hardship, asked the release of the sum.

Sir Havilland stated that he noticed there was no statement in the affidavit as to where Mrs. Schmidt was to make her residence in future. Mr. Mossop replied that he could not be certain. He was informed that she had made application to the British and Chinese authorities for permission to remain in China, but he did not know if the petition had been granted or not. Her husband was at present with her and if he stayed it would be only on account of her illness. The application, he said, was only for the money to be paid to the Consul-General.

The Judge stated that this was not enough. The cases so far had been those of people who were destitute and were residents in China or who had been interned as prisoners. He did not think that he was prepared to make such an order except to a limited extent as the sum was such a large one. He added that he would have no difficulty in making the order if the applicant were remaining in China. Mr. Mossop said that she was at present in hospital and there was no chance of her immediate departure.

"She is living here with her husband," Sir Havilland said, "and it practically amounts to this: that if this money is paid over her husband may live on it. If the lady was living by herself in China I should have no difficulty in making the order. I will adjourn the case for you to get further information, or I will make an order as to part of the amount. It cannot be a matter of immediate hardship if she does not get all of the \$8,000. It may be a case of immediate hardship if she does not get enough to live on."

The court thought that an order for \$1,080 should be made and Mr. Mossop suggested that it be made \$1,080, the amount of the first payment into the account.

In giving judgment, Sir Havilland said that without further information as to the future movements of the applicant and her husband it was the court's opinion that it should not make an order involving so large a sum. The court should be satisfied as to the way in which the money should be dealt with.

"As regards the administration of the money," the judgment concludes, "that, once it has been paid out, is in the hands of His Majesty's Consul-General here, that no doubt has a good deal of weight, but at the same time it does not relieve the court of the burden of exercising its own discretion when the question of the payment of so large a sum of money is before it, and more parti-

cularly at a time when the money may not remain in this country, but go to Germany. I have not the least doubt that when these matters are fully before His Majesty's Minister the court will be informed so as to enable it to make a further order. In the meantime, as he is of opinion that there is immediate hardship, it seems to me that the case would be met if I released the sum of \$1,080, which is the amount of the first payment into the enemy dividends account in January, 1916. In case His Majesty's Minister should be advised to make application to the court in respect of the residue of these accounts I will not refuse the order in respect of them, but I will adjourn the matter with leave to apply, both in respect of them and generally on the question of costs."

News Brevities

A wireless message was received from the Empress of Russia yesterday by the local offices of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., stating that the liner passed the Sables at noon on the return trip to Hongkong from Tsingtau, where 3,000 coolies were discharged.

The next P. and O. liner to leave Shanghai for Liverpool is the Nellore on April 6. The Nellore arrives from London on March 13 and then goes to Yokohama.

Mrs. Lionel Street arrived here from Chosen and is staying at the Palace Hotel.

Mrs. Paul Page Whitham is the guest of Mrs. Ed. Everett, Whangpoo Road.

A Spanish subject named Enrique Hermida appeared in the Mixed Court yesterday on the charge of writing a disrespectful letter with intent to deride and insult the Spanish Consul. Detective Inspector Burnside gave evidence of arrest and asked for a remand of the case for the Spanish Assessor. The warrant for the prisoner's arrest was issued, he said, at the request of the Spanish Consul. The case, which came before American Assessor Tenney and Magistrate Wong, was remanded for the Spanish Assessor.

The Barber Line steamer Monmouth left Colon January 25 and is expected at Shanghai about March 10. The Lowther Castle of the same line left Colon February 2 and is due here ten days later than the Monmouth. Both ships come via Japan ports.

An application by the Shanghai Land Investment Company asking an order for Mr. Richard Neumann to vacate the premises occupied by him on the Broadway and restraining him from dealing with the fixtures and furnishings was made in the Mixed Court yesterday before Assessor Grant Jones and Magistrate Kwan. The respondent asked permission to stay in the premises until the time of his repatriation. Counsel for the applicants, Mr. R. N. Macleod, said that there was no objection to this but that his clients wanted security that the respondent would put no one else in possession or dispose of the fixtures. The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

The drawing for the raffle for a pair of 4-drop diamond earrings will take place today at 4:30 p.m. at the International Savings Society. The raffle is made in aid of a destitute lady, and ten percent of the proceeds go to war funds.

Mr. Archibald Rose, the British Commercial Attache, left for Peking Wednesday.

Hankow papers record the marriage of Mr. J. J. Francou and Miss C. G. Vergani, daughter of Mr. Vergani of the Peking-Hankow Railway and Mme. Vergani. The marriage took place at the French Consulate in Hankow on February 15.

Mr. A. C. Mauchan of Shanghai was married to Miss M. L. McCutcheon of Glasgow at the Union Church, Hongkong, February 14. The bride was given away by Captain Russell. The couple is spending its honeymoon in Japan.

BELGIUM STATES CASE FOR MORE TERRITORY

Revision Of Treaty Of 1839 Necess-
sary As Guarantee Of Inde-
pendence And Prosperity

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, February 19.—The Belgian Legation has handed to Reuter's Agency the following statement concerning the Belgian claims at the Peace Conference:

On the 11th the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs explained to the Peace Conference the necessity to revise the treaty signed on April 19, 1839, which fixed the international status of Belgium.

"The basis of the regime established in 1839 was permanent neutrality under guarantee of the signatory Powers.

By violating the neutrality of Belgium two of the signatories, Prussia and Austria, destroyed the foundation of the conventional system on which depended the security of the kingdom. Furthermore the condition of guaranteed neutrality is only possible with a balance of power in Europe, which the war has destroyed. Therefore it has become necessary for Belgium to secure new guarantees of independence and prosperity.

The Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs revealed the disadvantage of the present situation regarding the Scheldt and the Ghent-Terneuzen Canal and direct communication by water between Antwerp, the Meuse and eventually the Rhine through Maestricht and Limburg. He expressed the aspiration of the Belgians towards closer ties with Luxembourg, the modalities of which should be agreed upon by both peoples. Lastly he justified the union with Belgium of the territories which, in 1815, were taken from the Belgian provinces for the sole purpose of increasing Prussia, particularly in the region of Malmédy. The whole Belgian problem was laid before the Powers, including the political situation, the national economy and military defense. In the negotiations prior to settlement not only the Great Powers but the Netherlands, as a signatory to the Treaty of 1839, should participate. The Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs expressed the conviction that these negotiations would be conducted in a

friendly spirit and would bring a solution ensuring the harmony between Belgium and all the interested Powers. The aspirations of Belgium, he said, were reasonable and moderate, tending solely towards ensuring the future and the safety of that country.

Paci Farewell Tonight

Signor Mario Paci, the Italian pianist, will give his farewell concert at the Lyceum Theater tonight. A select program, embracing compositions of five masters, has been arranged for Signor Paci's final concert.

Signor Paci has gained many admirers during his short stay here and large audiences attended his previous concerts. He is one of the best pianists who has come to Shanghai and his interesting technique and highly temperamental handling of the big Steinway piano which he brought here with him have won him high praise.

PILGRIM SEASON ON AT SACRED MOUNTAIN

China Press Correspondence

Taiwan, Shantung, February 18.—The three days of the Feast of Lanterns have witnessed great celebration here as was also the case at the time of the Chinese New Year. This is a conservative country and the people are not afraid to be the last to cast the old aside. The shops were closed for ten days or two weeks. The pilgrim season is now opening with



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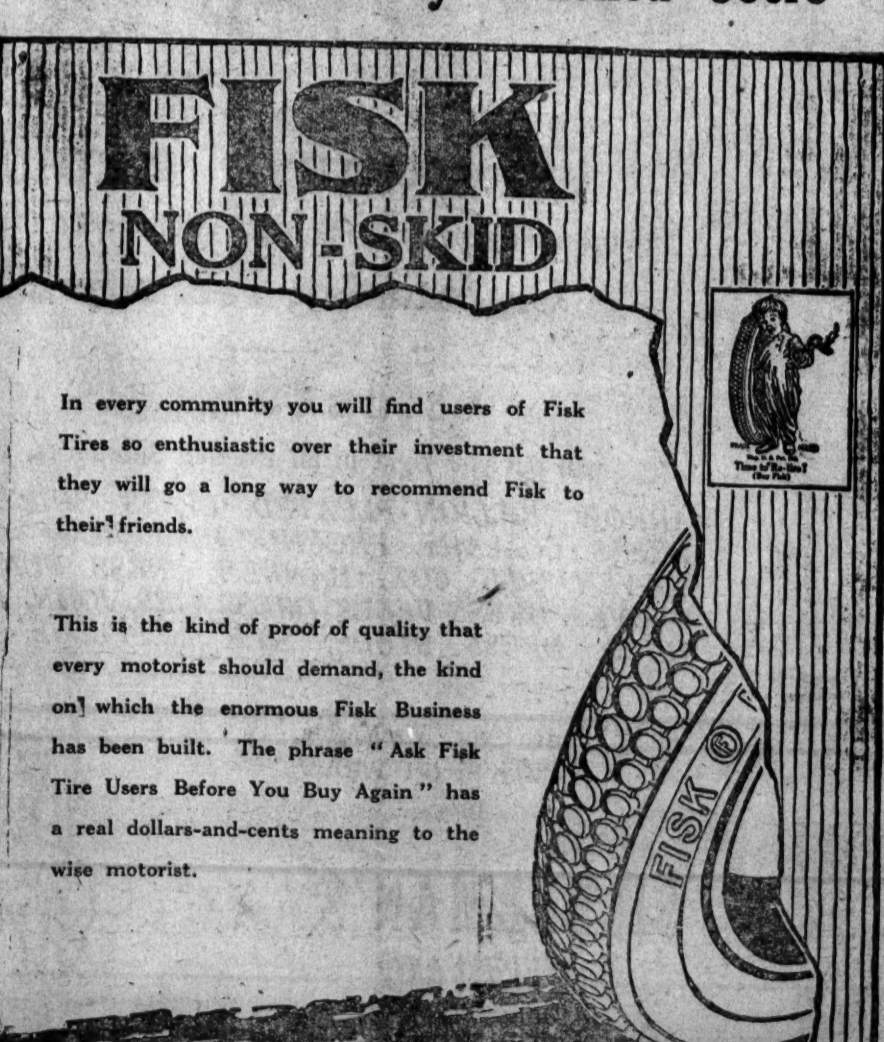
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Score Last Night			
Blues			71
Reds			14

The Y.M.C.A. Blues tightened their grip on the lead in the basketball league last night by overwhelming the Red five with a 71-14 score on the Y.M.C.A. floor. The score at the end of the first half was 41-8. Excellent passing by the Blues was the outstanding feature of the game. Nichols hung up a league record by netting 15 field goals, 2 above Glaucque's previous feat.

Much of the Blues' scoring was made possible by the fine work of Siler, whose blocking kept McCloy, the Reds' leading net artist, helpless.

The Summary:

Blues (71)	Reds (14)
Blair	rt McCloy
Nichols	rt Wilner
Glaucque	rt Porterfield
Bradley	rt Starrett
Siler	rt Hykes
Adams	rt Adams

Goals from floor—Blair, 7; Nichols, 15; Glaucque, 9; Bradley, 1; Siler, 1; Wilner, 3; Porterfield, 1; Starrett, 2. Goals from fouls—Glaucque, 2; Nichols, 3; Bradley, 1; McCloy, 1; Starrett, 1. Referee—Tang. Timer—Yu. Scorer—Yao.

China Political Notes From Chinese Press

The Peking Diplomatic Commission proposes to instruct Mr. Chiang Chung-hsiang, the Chinese Minister to Tokio, to protest against the provisions of Article 4 of the administration of Kioschow as disclosed by the Japanese Government. The article provided that only Japanese are to be employed at the headquarters of police department, the railway stations and the police schools.

With reference to the question of lifting the embargo on the exportation of rice, an inter-ministerial conference will be held between the Ministries of the Interior, Finance and Agriculture in order that all points concerning the two questions of national food and diplomatic relation might be brought out.

As a result of the protest of Mr. Tang Shao-yi on the Shensi question, the Government has ordered Tschun Chen Shu-fang of Shensi to report fully on the demarcation of areas and the armistice terms in order to enable Mr. Chu Chi-chien to answer Mr. Tang's charges.

Regulations for the Army Reduction Commission are being drafted. It is reported that besides Generals Feng Kuo-chang, Tuan Chi-jui and Wang Shih-chien, Generals Lu Yung-ting and Tsen Chun-hsuan will serve on the commission.

The Joint Bureau of the General Staff and Ministry of War has compiled regulations for the curtailment of troops in the various provinces and will entrust them to the peace delegation to be brought up at the internal peace conference.

The news of the opening of the peace conference in Shanghai was received by President Hsu Shih-chang with optimism. He has telegraphed to Mr. Chu Chi-chien to hasten the proceedings in order that peace might be concluded at an early date.

A joint session of the Cabinet and the Diplomatic Commission will be held to discuss the advisability of exporting rice and salt to Japan.

Mrs. Wilson's Smile Wins Paris Crowds On Shopping Tour



Mrs. Wilson, wife of the President, photographed while on a shopping tour in Paris. With Mrs. Wilson in the carriage are Mme. Poincare, wife of the President of France, and Miss Margaret Wilson.

SWAM NINE HOURS TO BLOW UP WARSHIP

Two Italian Officers Who Destroyed
Dreadnaught In Pola
Harbor Tell Of Exploit

Rome, December 20. (Associated Press).—It was by swimming into Pola Harbor and steering two small submarine motors towing bombs that two Italian naval officers destroyed the Austrian dreadnaught Viribus Unitis just before the signing of the armistice between Italy and Austria. The swimmers were in the water nine hours and had to penetrate four barriers across the harbor entrance, two of which were composed of steel submarine nets. After they had attached their bomb to the side of the dreadnaught they were captured and taken on board the vessel and were there when the warship was blown up.

They escaped without injury and have returned to Rome to tell of their exploit, which is characterized as one of the most daring and successful in the history of naval warfare. Only the fact that the Viribus Unitis had been destroyed by Italian naval forces previously had been made known, but now the details have been given out by the Italian Admiralty.

The officers who thus sent to the



wooden pier across the harbor mouth, Paulucci and Rossetti had hals shaped like bottles, and the sentry saw nothing but a couple of bottles being tossed about by the waves. When his back was turned they advanced and safely passed the first barrier.

After infinite labor they fought their way through the steel nets, and the Austrian fleet lay before them. Reaching the side of the Viribus Unitis, they attached the bomb to her hull beneath the ladder which led to her deck and timed the bomb to explode at 6:30 a.m.

By this time they were exhausted, having been in the water more than nine hours. As they were leaving, they were discovered and taken on board the dreadnaught. At first they refused to answer the questions asked them by Admiral Voucovich. At 6:15 o'clock, however, they told the Admiral what they had done and he gave the order to abandon ship. Paulucci asked the Admiral if he and his friend might also try to save themselves. The Admiral shook their hands, saying, "You are brave men and deserve to live."

They plunged into the water and swam away, but ten minutes later the Admiral began to suspect the bomb story and sent a launch to bring them back. They were made to walk up the ladder under which they had set the bomb which was due to explode in two minutes. The ladder was crowded with sailors returning to their ship.

"Run! Run for your lives!" shouted Paulucci, struggling to reach the deck before the explosion took place.

He and Rossetti had reached the deck and ran to the stern of the dreadnaught, when a terrific explosion rent the air and a column of water 300 feet high shot upward. Admiral Voucovich again gave them permission to save themselves, and they had been swimming away from the ship five minutes when they heard another explosion, and saw that the other bomb which had been left adrift had been carried by the current alongside the large Austrian liner Wien and had there exploded.

The Viribus Unitis was then lying on her side, but suddenly the huge ship turned bottom upward and Lieutenant Paulucci saw Admiral Voucovich scramble upward and swim with folded arms on the keel, ready to go down with his vessel.

Major Rossetti and Lieutenant Paulucci were recaptured and taken on board another Austrian warship, where they were kept prisoners until the armistice was signed, and an Italian warship entered the harbor. Then a launch was sent for the two heroes and they were conveyed on a destroyer to Venice, where the people gave them a vociferous welcome.

Says Japan Supports Omsk Government

Admiral Tokato, On Official
Mission In Siberia, So Says
Up Opinion In Empire

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Harbin, February 19.—Reuter's representative is reliably informed that the Japanese Admiral Tokato, who has just arrived in Omsk, declared that when he left Japan the press and public opinion were urging support of the Omsk Government. He further stated that the object of his mission was to ensure friendly relations with Russia.

As Admiral Kolchak recently left for the front, Admiral Tokato is also leaving Omsk and proceeding westwards.

It is reported that in the region of Serapulsk on the Siberian front some new Bolshevik troops which had just been recruited, after a long meeting and lengthy discussions, declared that they were not willing to fight. A similar incident is reported to have occurred at Kazan where the Bolshevik organizations are said to be falling to pieces.

The local press learns that in the region of Krasnoyarsk and Kansk the Bolsheviks are attempting fresh outbreaks.

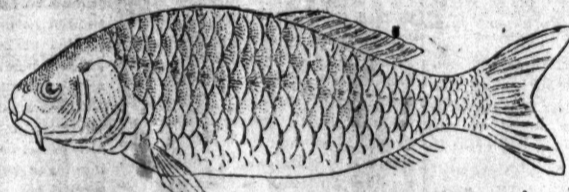
Great nervousness prevails here owing to the endeavors of had elements to spread alarming news of all kinds, in which they are assisted by the continual interruption of communications between the different centers in Siberia.

General Horvath has left for Vladivostok on receipt of a telegram asking him to come there immediately.

Japanese Defeat Bolsheviks
Tokio, February 19.—Fighting between Bolsheviks and Japanese troops occurred at Andraka, near Blagoveshensk on the 17th. The former were routed, leaving 100 dead while the Japanese lost forty-three men and two officers.

The War Office has published details of some successful operations against the Bolsheviks since February 12 on the Lower Broya River. The Japanese troops suffered great hardships owing to the severe cold.

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